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pulled this thing together so that there would be the necessary occupants in there. As far as the amendments are concerned, we went too, and correct me if I am wrong Senator Anderson, we went to our own staff, Mr. Rutledge and said, OK, now what should we do in order to acquire this facility and what are the necessary amendments that we need to put on there. The committee talked to DAS and some of their representatives as to how it would be done. The committee felt, at least I felt that based on what knowledge that I have on facilities and construction, and I admit that is limited. We had been offered a substantial opportunity in the community to consolidate services and as far as the amendments are concerned, the facility is good for us simply because it was offered at such an advantageous price to us. It is offered for that reason and I can understand why the city of North Platte would like that. I can understand that they would want a state office building, I can understand that they would want consolidated state services. So instead of saying let's buy it, we tried to say that other agencies would come in, and we tried to make it a sound basis. To this minute I can not understand Senator Marsh's objection to the way that the committee has approached this. Particularly in a city that has all of those kinds of facilities. I would assume that we would have done that, I don't know if we did that on the coliseum, I'm going to do that kind of research for Senator Marsh in terms of the facilities that we have built in this community. North Platte has none of these. They have no state buildings except for patrol and the Experiment Station. So I would think that those people who are interested, that are interested in seeing that services are provided to other communities and would take the judgment of members of this legislature who have visited, seen, and so forth, this facility and at least five or six of us have been by there and at least another seven or eight of us have seen it through visual presentations. So I would hope that Senator Marsh would realize that, we want to provide services for all people and I believe that the acceptance of the amendment is the way to go and I urge the adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I would like to ask Senator Shirley a question please. Mrs. Marsh, are you attacking the bill by attacking the amendment?

SENATOR MARSH: Sir, the acquisition of the St. Marys Hospital building in North Platte, should take place in an orderly fashion under the terms of 1048 with emphasis on the development of a program statement. Why are you trying to rush something through without doing what we want done for the state of Nebraska in requesting a program statement first, every other capital construction. We don't happen to be building the building, but we are buying a capital construction. Why should we say that every other capital construction that comes before the appropriation committee come under the terms and guidelines of LB1048. If this is such a good deal why are you afraid to show that it is.

SENATOR NICHOL: I'm not afraid to show anything....